

Business Espionage Controls and Countermeasures Association (BECCA)

DANTES Test Center's Authorization

The Business Espionage Controls and Countermeasures Association (BECCA) authorizes military installations with DANTES Test Centers to administer the Certified Confidentiality Officer (CCO) certification examinations.

Background

BECCA began in 1986 with the research for the book, *Who's Stealing Your Business? – How To Identify And Prevent Business Espionage*. Author William M. Johnson contacted controls and countermeasures experts throughout the U.S. and elsewhere while working on the book. This informal network of practitioners was incorporated in 1990 as BECCA, a non-profit organization in Washington State.

In 1992 BECCA took part in a research project cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and Education to establish industry-specific skill standards built around core proficiencies and to develop work-related certification programs to meet these standards. The CCO Program is based on this research.

BECCA is an association of counter espionage practitioners and business executives who have an interest in the field. The mission of the Certified Confidentiality Officer (CCO) is to protect the employer or client from compromise, and theft of sensitive and/or proprietary data, on or off site.

The CCO is the only management level certification that provides an overview of Business Espionage. The CCO may consult with and or supervise various and numerous technical specialists.

Address

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Shoreline, WA 98155-0582

Phone: (206) 364-4672

Description

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| Requirements | Many DOD personnel already have the training and experience required to take the Certified Confidentiality Officer (CCO) exam. The following are the minimum requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three years of DOD security experience.• Performed at least five DOD sanctioned security surveys and inspections. |
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Examination Information	The four hour CCO written exam is based on the textbook, “101 Questions & Answers About Business Espionage,” which is required reading for those preparing to take the test. The book is provided as part of the CCO application process.
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Examination Content	The CCO written examination covers:
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Content	Percentage
Putting The Spy World In Perspective	20
The Personal Side Of Business Espionage	17
Pretext Attacks	10
Technical Surveillance	18
Computer Abuse	15
Undercover Attacks	10
Planning Controls and Countermeasures Programs	10

Application Procedures

Applications	To request an application for the Certified Confidentiality Officer (CCO) examination e-mail WilJohnson@att.net , or write to:
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Certification Fees

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The following fees are associated with the certification examination.

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| • Application Fee | \$50 |
| • Study Materials: The book “ <i>101 Questions And Answers About Business Espionage</i> ” | \$40 |
| • Certification Fee | \$150 |
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Administration

Military Administration

DANTES TEST CENTERS MAY ADMINISTER THE CCO CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.

Civilian Administration

DANTES tests centers may administer the CCO certification examinations to the following civilians on an **UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
- Military family members
- Veterans, and
- U.S. federal employees

Problems

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If information pertaining to the examination is not received in a timely manner, please contact BECCA.

Security

Test Loss or Compromise

Refer to Part I of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is a BECCA test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES immediately and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is

DANTES	Phone: (850) 452-1360
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Web Pages and E-mail Address

DANTES Web Address

Access the DANTES web pages at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

BECCA Web Address

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